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	Examiner Xuong M. Chung-Trans	Art Unit 2833	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-9, 11 and 13 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 10, 12 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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1. This is responsive to the amendment filed on 1/26/05. Claims 1-3 and 5 have been amended. And new claims 11-14 have been added. Therefore, claims 1-14 are pending in this application.

2. Applicant is advised that should claim 12 be found allowable, claim 12 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

3. Claim 12 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 10. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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5. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Togashi (USPN 5,662,480).

Togashi discloses a coaxial connector that has a contact (82) with a terminal section that horizontally extends across the central bottom end of a substantially U shaped contact section that comes into contact with and is electrically connected with a contact of a corresponding connector, an insulator (81) that holds said contact 82, and a metallic shell (83) that contains said insulator 81 and has ground terminals 83, said coaxial connector being characterized in that said terminal section has such length that the terminal section can be stored within said insulator and has said signal terminal (projection 82) that is formed on the bottom section of said terminal section below said contact section near the center of said insulator in order to be connected with a conductive pad on a circuit board (12). See fig. 7.

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Togashi.

Togashi discloses the invention substantially as claimed except that the ground pad is a square shaped or U shaped. It would have been obvious to a skilled artisan in the art, at the time the invention was made to provide a square shaped or U shaped

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ground pad as claimed, since such a modification would have involved a mere change in the shape of a component so that more point of grounding contact can be provided and thereby allowing better grounding. A change in shape is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art. In re Dailey, 149 USPQ 47 (CCPA 1976).

8. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Togashi in view of Boyko (USPN 6,347,405).

Togashi does not explicitly disclose the corner of the ground pad is beveled or rounded. However, the use of such beveled or rounded pad are well known in the art as evidenced by Boyko to reduce the peeling off of the pad. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled artisan in the art at the time the invention was made to include the teaching of Boyko in the Togashi invention to have a beveled or rounded pad so that to reduce the peeling off of the pad.

9. Claims 1- 4, 6-9, 11 and 13 are allowed.

10. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of record does not teach or suggest said signal terminal being placed in a position within imaginary lines defined by the outward ends of said ground terminals as claimed in claim 1 and said metallic shell is shaped cylindrically with a circular bottom end and the bottom end of said shell is a ground terminal to be

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connected to and rounded with a ground pad of the circuit board and is provided with cuts with certain intervals in between whose depth in the bottom end of the shell is designed to be approximately the same thickness as tin to be soldered therein as claimed in claim 2.

11. Applicant's arguments filed 1/26/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., the coaxial connector defined in claim 5, as shown in figs. 9-10, has signal transfer from directly below because the signal terminal has a part that projects downward from the middle of the terminal strip and the length of the terminal strip within the confines of the shell is also shorter.) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

12. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Xuong M. Chung-Trans whose telephone number is (571) 272-2002. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on (571) 272-2800 extension 33.. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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